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• **Legislative Update**

The following bills were introduced in May:

-On May 4, H.R. 2099, and on May 11, H.R. 2297 (supercedes H.R. 2099) to establish the **Arabia Mountain National Heritage Area** in the state of Georgia.

-On May 25, S.1121, to direct the Secretary of the Interior to conduct a study of the suitability and feasibility of establishing the **Southern Campaign of the Revolution Heritage Area** in South Carolina, and for other purposes.

The following bill passed the House in May:

-On May 17, H.R. 938, To establish the **Upper Housatonic Valley National Heritage Area** in the State of Connecticut and the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, and for other purposes. Bills to designate the **Northern Rio Grande National Heritage Area** [H.R. 732], amend the **Illinois and Michigan Canal National Heritage Corridor** Act of 1984 to help ensure the appropriate transition of the management entity of the heritage corridor [H.R.1820], and study the feasibility of designating **St. Croix National Heritage Area** [H.R. 61] were attached to H.R. 938. A companion bill that includes these four areas must pass the Senate for the legislation to become law.

-There are now **seven study bills introduced on six areas, and two have passed the House. Nineteen designation bills on twelve areas** have been introduced in Congress, and **three have passed the House.**

For list of legislation currently introduced in the 109th Congress, visit <http://www.cr.nps.gov/heritageareas/LEG/introbills109.pdf>

-The House approved a budget for the National Park Service, which includes \$15,015,000 for the national heritage areas through the Heritage Partnerships Program. This figure is \$8 million higher than the President's Budget. The Senate must approve a budget and then budget differences will be resolved in committee.

- **Update on the NPS Advisory Board Partnerships Committee**

-On June 8, at the **International Heritage Development Conference** in Nashville, TN, Brenda Barrett, National Coordinator for Heritage Areas and John Cosgrove, Executive Director of the ANHA and a NPS Advisory Board Partnerships Committee member will present the findings and recommendations of the Committee at a session entitled “Breaking News.” Conference participants will have an opportunity to discuss implementation steps. The Committee will develop and refine the implementation steps in the coming year. An interim report on the Committee’s work is expected to be published during Fall 2005.

- **This Month in the Heritage Areas**

-**MotorCities National Heritage Area** has announced that the City of Detroit has been selected to host the IX World Forum for Motor Museums, October 9-14, 2005. For more information, visit <http://www.autoheritage.org/app.asp?id=76>.

-The **Blue Ridge National Heritage Area**, in collaboration with the Conservation Fund, Sonoran Institute, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service and NPS held two **Gateway Communities Leadership Program** workshops May 3-6th and May 24-26. The workshops, part of the area’s management planning process, gathered representatives from counties in the heritage area to learn about regional planning and preservation tools. The workshops gave participants an opportunity to formally share their future visions for their counties and the region and to participate in team visioning and planning exercises. The workshops also gave heritage area planning staff an opportunity to hear from county leaders about opportunities to improve communication and sharing of information and resources.

The Gateway Communities training program, traditionally used to improve communication and collaboration between federal lands and adjacent communities, is being adapted to address the unique challenges inherent to large regions with complex sets of resources and partnership mechanisms. For more information on training materials and opportunities related to Gateway Communities workshops, visit <http://www.conservationfund.org> or contact Kristin Peppell at Kristin_peppell@fws.org.



-The **6th Annual Smart Growth Coastal Development Strategies Conference** was a great success, with over 400 participants who were treated to a good dose of southern hospitality. The conference was held in Biloxi, MS May 16-18 and hosted by Mississippi Department of Marine Resources’ Comprehensive Resource Management (CRMP) in association with CRMP stakeholders and the Mississippi Gulf Coast Chamber of Commerce. Former Maryland Governor Parris Glendinning, now the President of the D.C.-based Smart Growth Institute, spoke about the role that local communities play in planning for sustainable development. Augie Carlino, President and CEO of Rivers of Steel National Heritage Area, and Brenda Barrett, National Coordinator for Heritage Areas at the National Park Service, congratulated the Mississippi Gulf region on its recent National Heritage Area designation and talked about the opportunities that designation presents to the area. Also present was Nancy Morgan, Executive Director of the Cane River National Heritage Area, located in Natchitoches LA. Brenda Barrett and Nancy Morgan toured the area’s coastal resources and visited with staff from nearby Gulf Islands National Seashore.

-The **Crossroads of the American Revolution** Association's board of directors has announced the appointment of Cathleen Litvack as the non-profit organization's first Executive Director. Litvack will be responsible for strategic planning, fund raising, press relations, education and outreach. She will work to establish strong ties with the New Jersey historic and environmental communities in the Crossroads region and will represent the association at the local, state and federal levels. Litvack, a long-time resident of Princeton, New Jersey and an active land preservationist and advocate of community development, is the former mayor of Princeton Township where she served two terms on the Township Committee. She has extensive marketing experience gained as vice president of J&M Advertising in Princeton and vice president of marketing for govONE Solutions, LLP in New York. For more information, visit <http://www.heritagetrail.org/crossroads.html>.

● News from the Alliance of National Heritage Areas

-The Alliance of National Heritage Areas will host a **Heritage Development Institute** workshop during the International Heritage Development Conference on Sunday, June 5 in Nashville. *The Basics of Heritage Areas* will be held from 9am – 2pm and cover heritage development tools and partnership strategies. National heritage area leaders will join participants in lunchtime roundtable discussions to discuss heritage areas topics. For more information visit <http://www.heritagedevelopmentinstitute.org>.

● Grants and Awards Opportunities

-The National Trust for Historic Preservation is still accepting applications for the **Rural Heritage Development Initiative**, a project that will work with two rural pilot regions to implement preservation-based economic development strategies. The new initiative is funded in significant part through a \$745,000 three-year grant from the W.K. Kellogg Foundation. Proposals are being solicited from regions that have the capacity to work collaboratively to develop cultural and heritage assets for economic benefit. For additional information or to receive the RFP, call 202-588-6216. Applications (due June 30, 2005) are also available at http://www.nationaltrust.org/about_the_trust/contracts_rfp_list.html. Proposals will need to demonstrate the ability to provide matching funds.

● Upcoming Conferences and Workshops

-The **2005 International Heritage Development Conference**, held June 5-8, 2005 in Nashville, TN, is sponsored by the Alliance of National Heritage Areas and hosted by the Tennessee Civil War National Heritage Area. The conference website, <http://www.ihdc2005.org>, provides descriptions on over a dozen mobile workshops, held during "Workshop Tuesday" in and around Nashville. Three evening events and twenty educational sessions will also provide registrants with an opportunity to experience Southern culture and hospitality while learning about national and international trends in preserving and celebrating distinctive landscapes.

On Monday evening, **Diane Nash**, renowned civil rights activist, and **Tennessee Governor Phil Bredesen** will speak at an event entitled "Voices of Freedom." On Tuesday evening participants will enjoy an evening of "Tennessee Roots and Rhythm" at the **Country Music**



Hall of Fame. Participants will hear **Mayor Bill Purcell**, Executive Vice President of the National Trust for Historic Preservation **David Brown**, and Chairman of the Advisory Council on Historic Preservation **John Nau** speak at Monday's Opening Plenary. Wednesday's closing luncheon will feature **Janisse Ray**, award-winning author and naturalist. You can still register by visiting the conference website at <http://www.ihdc2005.org> and printing and faxing in your registration.

● Publications

-A **Bibliography of Heritage Development Sources** is now available on the Alliance of National Heritage Areas Heritage Development Institute website at <http://www.heritagedevelopmentinstitute.org/research>. The bibliography is available for download in a pdf format. The Institute would appreciate any additions or comments you have. You can email the Institute at hdi@mtsu.edu or your editor at Suzanne_copping@contractor.nps.gov.

-**National Heritage Areas Studies and Management Plans** that were created before Internet and email (remember when?) are now being loaded on the **National Park Service Park History web site** at <http://www.cr.nps.gov/history/index.asp>. In addition to hundreds of other publications and studies, some recently loaded heritage area studies and management plans include:

Delaware & Lehigh Canal National Heritage Corridor and State Heritage Park (1993) http://www.cr.nps.gov/history/online_books/heritage/dele.pdf

Cultural Heritage and Land Management Plan for the Blackstone River Valley National Heritage Corridor (1989)
http://www.cr.nps.gov/history/online_books/blac/chlm.pdf

A Coal Mining Heritage Study: West Virginia (Draft 1990)
http://www.cr.nps.gov/history/online_books/heritage/coal.pdf

Shenandoah Valley Civil War Battlefields Assessment (Draft 1993)
http://www.cr.nps.gov/history/online_books/shenandoah/civilwar.pdf



If you are a national heritage area and would like to get your studies or plans uploaded to the website, please contact your editor at Suzanne_copping@contractor.nps.gov. Studies and plan will continue to be uploaded this summer.

-The new **National Park Service National Heritage Areas unigrid map and brochure**, which shows all 27 national heritage areas, is now available. The Alliance of National Heritage Areas covered a majority of the design and printing costs. Copies have been delivered to each national heritage area and the NPS regional offices. A limited number of copies of the map are available; contact Suzanne_copping@contractor.nps.gov.

- **Other News of Interest**

-**Preserve America Presidential Honor Awards** were given this year to the Texas Historical Commission, who received an award for the Texas Heritage Trails Program. In addition to marketing 10 heritage-themed automobile tours as corridors and destinations for regional tourism, the program also provides training and financial assistance to local communities for historic site development and conservation. As a result of this highly replicable initiative, all 254 Texas counties are receiving heritage tourism assistance, and communities that once competed for visitors are now combining efforts to increase overall tourism. Participating sites have experienced an average annual visitation increase of 20 percent. For information on the Texas Heritage Trails Program, visit <http://www.thc.state.tx.us/heritagetourism/htprogram.html>.

Other recipients include the restoration of Edith Wharton's country estate, The Mount, by Edith Wharton Restoration, Inc; a private, 10-year restoration project by Bolduc Historic Properties in Sainte Genevieve, Missouri that preserved three houses in a French colonial settlement along the Mississippi River including a circa-1785 Bolduc House Museum stewarded by the Colonial Dames of America; and the restoration of the 1820s-era Isaiah Davenport House Museum in Savannah, Georgia. For more information, visit <http://www.preserveamerica.org>.

-The National Park Service **Federal Preservation Institute** has been developing a highly sophisticated information search engine for historic preservation practitioners and researchers interested in seeking historic preservation information from reliable resources. The Institute recently loaded heritage area and heritage-related websites to its information portal. To use the portal, visit <http://www.historicpreservation.gov>.

- **For more information on heritage areas, visit our [website](#).**

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